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Statement to the Human Services Committee
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Chairwoman Abercrombie, Chairwoman Moore and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments about Senate Bill 284, An Act Concerning Medicaid Coverage of Chiropractic Services.

My name is James J. Lehman. I am a board certified chiropractic orthopedist, a faculty member of the University of Bridgeport's College of Chiropractic and the Director of Health Sciences Postgraduate Education. For the past 3 years, I have enjoyed the opportunity to evaluate and manage patients suffering with chronic pain as a medical staff member of the Community Health Center, Inc. of Middletown.

It is my position that Connecticut should include chiropractic evaluation and management services and expand the availability of chiropractic treatment for Medicaid patients suffering with chronic pain due to neuromusculoskeletal conditions.

It has been my experience that chiropractic services have reduced the level of pain, improved quality of life and reduced costs for Medicaid patients. A six-month pilot study, which took place from January through June of 2012, demonstrated that 98% of the Medicaid patients at the Community Health Center in Meriden were satisfied with their chiropractic treatment for chronic pain. In addition, this same study demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in patients' rating of pain and function following chiropractic treatment. As a result, of the positive impact of chiropractic